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Dear Rod:

Thank you for your letter of the 10th which has only just arrived.

I think you have put your finger onto a serious and valid problem and I suspect that you have reached a suitable conclusion although its implications are somewhat pessimistic. On the whole, my own reflection is that the job that I have in mind probably does not have the promise of future academic development that you should insist on if you leave Oak Ridge. What may happen in due course in Biophysics here is another matter and will have to be left for the future.

I appreciate your offering to consult with us and hope to take you up on this sometime. In any case, if you find yourself in this area, I hope you will drop into see us.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

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